OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1120

Thursday, *the* $\frac{\textit{7th December 1944}}{\textit{22nd Vrischigam 1120}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir George Boag, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.), in the Chair.

Messrs. T. P. Poulose, A. B. Salem, V. K. Kutty, Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait and Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUANTITY OF MANURE SUPPLIED TO PANCHAYATS

91. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will Government be pleased to state the quantity of manure supplied to each of the Panchayat depots in the State and the quantity sold by each in 1119 and the amount realised?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* A statement is placed on the Council Table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* On a perusal of the statement we see that large quantities of maure are supplied to some depots and they have not sold anything. May I know whether the Government have made enquiries why no manure is sold?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* We made enquiries. It must be due to want of propaganda in the local area and we have instructed the Panchayats to do some sort of propaganda and the Department is also concentrating on that work.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is anything paid to the depot authorities in order to sell this manure?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Two rupees.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* To whom is it paid?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The President is allowed to engage coolies as he likes just to help him.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is this amount paid to depots which are not selling anything.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* This two rupees is not the wages calculated on the actual sales effected. If there is any party coming to purchase this manure, the President should weigh this and hand it over to the party and it is just to help him in that respect that he is allowed to engage a cooly,

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* If nothing is sold for the whole of the year, you pay this 24 rupees?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* This is the real position. If the House is for cutting down the expenditure, then I have no objection to do it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* No work is being done and we pay something. If any work is done, of course, there is some meaning in paying. But if they are not doing any sort of work, why should they be paid?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Panchayat President or the depot keeper as such is not expected to effect sales unless local agriculturists come forward asking for this manure and it is for all of us to do some propaganda work in this line and the Department itself is trying to induce the local ryots to take to intensive manuring and the Panchayatdars have also been instructed to do some work in this line. This two rupees is not given as a sort of commission. We decided it along with the passing of the orders in the beginning and the President is allowed to engage the services of a cooly who has certainly to be paid.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will the Government be pleased to give more manure, if it is wanted?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Oh, yes.

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Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Special Manuring Officer inspects and is going to these various Panchayats.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, he inspects.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Is there any improvement?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Oh, yes.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: വളം തീരെ ചിലവാകാത്ത പഞ്ചായത്തു് ഏതു താലൂക്കിലാണു്?

മി. ടി. കെ. നായർ: അതു് ആ ലിസ്റ്റിൽ ഉണ്ടു്.

Mr. K. T Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Government have any objection to publish this fact in the news-papers?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not think there is any real need or necessity for this because almost everybody knows that these manures are available for sale in the Panchayat depots, but it is due to the actual want of propaganda among the ryots. The benefits of intensive manuring must be brought home to every agriculturist. It is due to want of this that sales are not effected.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ആദ്യം Transporting charge വാങ്ങിയവക്കു കൂച്ചുകൊടുത്തിരുന്നില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: കൊടുത്തിരുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അതു് ഇപ്പോൾ എന്താണു് നിറുത്താൻ കാരണം?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: പഞ്ചായത്തിലേക്കു കൊണ്ടുപോകുന്നതിനുള്ള വണ്ടിവാടക മുഴുവൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു സഹിച്ചിരുന്നു. അതിന്റെ കൂട്ടത്തിൽ ഈ ൨൫ ശതമാനവും കൊടുത്തുവന്നിരുന്നു. രണ്ടുംകൂടി കൊടുത്തുതുടങ്ങിയപ്പോഴാണു് വണ്ടിവാടക കൊടുക്കുന്ന ഏർപ്പാടു വേണ്ട എന്നു വെച്ചതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: വില കുറച്ചു കൊടുത്തിരുന്നില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: കഴിഞ്ഞകൊല്ലം ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെണ്ടിനു് വണ്ടിവാടക കുറക്കണമെന്നു് ഉദ്ദേശമില്ലാതിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു് അതുംകൂടി കൊടുത്തുവന്നിരുന്നു. പിന്നത്തെ അവസരത്തിലാണു് രണ്ടുംകൂടി കൊടുക്കുന്നതു ശരിയല്ലെന്നു കണ്ടതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: വളം കൊണ്ടുപോകുവാൻ ലോറി ഏർപ്പാടു ചെയ്തിരുന്നില്ലേ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ഉവ്വു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ അതിനുള്ള ചിലവു് കഴിച്ചു കൊടുത്താൽ പോരെ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: എല്ലാ പഞ്ചായത്തു ഡപ്പോവിലേക്കും ഒരേനിലയിൽ വളം സപ്ലൈ ചെയ്യുവാനാണു് ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ആലോചിക്കുന്നതു്. ഇപ്പോൾ വാടക എന്നുള്ള ഇനം കൊടുക്കുന്നില്ല. ലോറിക്കുള്ള ആർഡർ അയച്ചുകഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ലോറി കിട്ടിയാൽ സപ്ലൈ ഏർപ്പാടുകളും ശരിക്കു ചെയ്യാവുന്നതാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ൧൯൪൩-ൽ ൨൫ ശതമാനം വിലയും വണ്ടിക്കൂലിയും കഴിച്ചു കൊടുത്തിരുന്നുവോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: വണ്ടിക്കൂലി ആദ്യം തിരിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിരുന്നു. അതോടുകൂടി പത്തുശതമാനം സബ്സിഡി കൊടുത്തുവന്നു. പിന്നെ ൨൫ ശതമാനം വിലകുറച്ചപ്പോൾ ൧൯൪൩ മുതൽ വണ്ടിവാടകയുംകൂടി കൊടുക്കുകയില്ലെന്നുള്ള ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിന്റെ ഓർഡറിറ്റു്ഡു് വെളിവാക്കി.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Minister has noted that 24,000 lbs. of ground-nut cake alone has been sold from the Chalakkudy Panchayat although not even 1/4 of that quantity has been sold in other Panchayats?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* It must be correct. The list is not with me.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether in view of the answer just now given to the Hon'ble Member for Mukundapuram-Ezhuvas, there is a possibility of at least saving the transport charges for ground-nut cakes which was sold to the Plywood Factory.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not really understand the question.

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Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The Hon'ble Minister stated that there was no profit practically to Mr. Bhaskara Menon who sold this ground-nut cake to the Plywood Factory. Since there was a large quantity of ground-nut cake available in the Tatas at least the transport charges must have been saved. That should be the presumption. Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleassed to enquire whether this is true?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The whole question has been enquired into. In that particular case the sale was effected from the Mukundapuram Taluk Depot. The party took delivery from the Mukundapuram Taluk Depot and he was not given the transport charges to the Chalakkudi Panchayat Depot.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Even then the transport charges from Ernakulam to Irinjalakkuda is avoided.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* That question was not really looked into.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know who this Bhaskara Menon is?

Mr. President: Order, order. I think we are getting rather away from the question.

CHOONDAL AND ERANELLUR VILLAGES—BATHING GHATS

92. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state whether there are public bathing tanks in Chundal and Eranellur villages in which elephants used to be washed?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* There are public bathing tanks in Choondal and Eranellur villages, in which elephants might also have been washed; but it is not usual to allow the elephants to bathe in these tanks.

CHATTUKULAM—ARTHAT VILLAGE

93. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to place on the Table the originals of the tenders submitted for the improvements of Chattukulam in Arthat Village, Talappalli Taluk for works done in the years 1118 and 1119?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The two tenders in original are placed on the Council Table. No work was done in 1118.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Hon'ble Minister has noted that there is a sort of tampering done on the tender presented by E. A. Antony? On the tender 75 was originally written. Then 75 has been scored and 60 has been re-written.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have not noted it.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be.....

Mr. President: If the Hon'ble Member reads that out, all Hon'ble Members must take it for granted that he is reading it correctly.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether both the tenders were presented on the same date. To me it seems that it is not presented on the same date.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I may be allowed just to read the report of the Departmental Head. "The work was duly notified for tenders and Mr. C. K. Thavu put in a tender agreeing to take up the work at 60 per cent above the estimated rate. But the tenderer is the one involved in the Kavadi Case and who has been absolved from taking contract. Hence his tender cannot be accepted. One Mr. E. A. Antony has agreed to take up the work at 60 per cent above the estimated rate (the same rate tendered by the other contractor). I request that the work may be entrusted to him at 60 per cent above the estimated rate."

This is the report on which it was sanctioned.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether a person who has been convicted in the Kavadi Case cannot take a contract from the Government.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* There is a Government order about that.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* When any person has been convicted and an appeal is pending in the High Court, without the confirmation of the High Court of the conviction can the Government disqualify that person?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice for all these things. The Departmental Head has quoted this Government proceedings.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether there has been any complaint against this Antony for dealing cement in the black-market?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Absolutely none.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the police has investigated any case in that connection?

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